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SUBJECT: TNC PROGRAM OF WORK: CHANGES PROPOSED BY BRAZIL

REF: GENEVA 379

1. BRAZILIAN DELEGATION (SOUTO-MAIOR) GAVE US PAPER TODAY (COPY ALSO HANDED EC) LISTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROGRAM OF WORK PROPOSED BY EC AT 7 PLUS 7 MEETING ON JANUARY 21 AND WHICH TO BE CONSIDERED BY TNC IN GENEVA ON FEBRUARY 7 AND 8.

2. BRAZILIANS SUGGEST ADDING FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO SECOND PARAGRAPH OF INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM OF WORK: "...THEIR WORK SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FACILITATE THE ELABORATION OF SPECIAL NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WAYS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SPECIAL AND MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT FOR THEM IN AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATION WHERE THIS IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE."

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3. THEY SUGGEST THE ADDITION OF A NEW "TASK" TO BE ADDED TO THE WORK PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS: "BRINGING UP TO DATE AND COMPLETING THE ANALYTICAL AND STATISTICAL DOCUMENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPACT OF THE MTNS ON THE GSP, BEARING IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE SYSTEM." THEY WOULD ADD ACCORDINGLY IN THE COLUMN IN THE RIGHT HAND MARGIN: "3(A) AND ALL OTHER GROUPS, AS RELEVANT."

4. FINALLY, THEY PROPOSED THAT THE END OF TASK 16 OF THE WORK PROGRAM BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: "...AND THE LEVEL AND THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE EXPORT RECEIPTS OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, SPECIALLY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ACHIEVE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND THE ELIMINATION OF TARIFF ESCALATION AND OF INTERNAL TAXES. THE COMPETENT WORKING GROUP SHALL CONDUCT ITS WORK IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ENSURE THAT TROPICAL PRODUCTS ARE TREATED AS A SPECIAL AND RRIORITY SECTOR."

5. BRAZILIAN DELEGATION UNDERLINED THAT THEY DID NOT RPT NOT INTEND THAT THEIR PROPOSALS SHOULD CAUSE DELAY IN ADOPTION OF PROGRAM OF WORK BY TNC. THEY INSISTED THAT THEY HAD CAREFULLY DRAFTED THEIR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE THEM ACCEPTABLE BOTH TO EC AND TO USG. WE RESPONDED THAT NO MATTER WHAT USG'S REACTION TO SUBSTANCE OF BRAZILIAN SUGGESTIONS, WE ARE SURE THAT USG WILL OPPOSE ANY CHANGES, NO MATTER HOW INOFFENSIVE, WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO EC, AND RISK RETURN TO IMPASSE ON WORK PROGRAM WHICH HAS ALREADY DELAYED PROGRESS OF MTN BY SEVERAL MONTHS.BASSIN

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